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## **Virginia Juvenile Justice Association**

*Celebrating 40 years of advocating for court-involved children and the professionals who touch their lives.*

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### **JUVENILE JUSTICE GROUP PRESENTS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP TO ELAINE CHAMPION**

On November 2, 2006, Elaine Champion, was the recipient of a \$540 professional development scholarship. While attending the 30<sup>th</sup> Fall Juvenile Justice Training Institute, in a ceremony before more than 400 juvenile justice professionals and policy makers from across the state, Champion received one of two scholarships awarded by the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association.

Champion is employed by the Beaumont Juvenile Correctional Center, where she has worked as a Substance Abuse Treatment Provider for the past five years. Her coworker's describe her as dedicated, passionate, organized, fair and consistent.

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Background: Each year the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association recognizes professionals who have made extraordinary contributions in the juvenile justice field. Meritorious awards are presented in the areas of: Administration, Court Services, Residential Care and Community Service. Recipients are recognized before their peers at VJJA's Fall Juvenile Justice Training Institute, held annually in November.

About VJJA: Founded in 1966, the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA) is an organization comprised of professionals representing court services, the judiciary, indigent defense, detention homes, juvenile correctional facilities, halfway houses, group homes, mental health, education, law enforcement, social work, and others with an interest in youth and family services. The organization is administered by an elected board of directors and is committed to child advocacy and advancing the professional interests and competencies of its members. State and local training events are held, with a statewide conference held annually in November. Learn more at [www.VJJA.org](http://www.VJJA.org).



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